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## **Kingdom Treasuring** **Matthew 6:19-24**

Main Idea: Kingdom treasure is about investing one's life with whole-hearted devotion to God, being mastered only by Him, and seeking a reward that is eternally incorruptible.

### **Introduction**

- Back to our greater righteousness - **Matthew 5:20**
- What is worship? - **Romans 12:1-2**

### **Two Kingdom Treasures Demand Our Hearts' Devotion - (vv. 19-21)**

- Two Kingdoms: Two Cities

*“Two cities, then, have been created by two loves: that is, the earthly by love of self extending even to contempt of God, and the heavenly by love of God extending to contempt of self. The one, therefore, glories in itself, the other in the Lord; the one seeks glory from men, the other finds its highest glory in God, the Witness of our conscience. The one lifts up its head in its own glory; the other says to its God, ‘Thou art my glory, and the lifter of mine head.’ [Ps. 3:3] In the Earthly City, princes are as much mastered by the lust for mastery as the nations which they subdue are by them; in the Heavenly, all serve one another in charity, rulers by their counsel and subjects by their obedience. The one city loves its own strength has displayed in its mighty men; the other says to its God, ‘I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength’”*

- Augustine, City of God

- Kingdom of this world - **vv. 19-20**
  - What kingdom? - **John 14:30-32; Eph. 2:1-3; Rev. 11:15; 12:10**
- Kingdom of Heaven - **Matthew 18:3; 16:19; 13:4-46; 19:23-24**

*“God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.”*

- Augustine, City of God

- Two kingdom treasures
  - The temporal is corruptible - **v. 19; Romans 1:23**

- Jesus' three illustrations: moths, rust, and thieves - **James 5:2-3**
  - The eternal that is incorruptible - **v. 20; Ps. 102:26; John 10:10; 1 Cor. 15:53; Ephesians 4:22-24**
  - Does God motivate us with reward? - **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**
- Principle #1: Locate your treasure and you'll find your heart

## **One Heart Designed To Serve One Master - (vv. 22-23)**

- The two types of people - **vv. 22-23**
  - Those we see can receive light
    - The eye = the heart
    - What is the heart? - **Ephesians 2:3; Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:17-18**

*"This joy in God is not like any pleasure found in physical or intellectual satisfaction. Nor is it such as a friend experiences in the presence of a friend. But, if we are to use any such analogy, it is more like the eye rejoicing in light."  
- Augustine, City of God*

- Those who can't see the light - **2 Cor. 4:4-6; Zephaniah 1:17; Luke 4:18**
- The two masters that demand allegiance - **v. 24**
  - This struggle between treasures always leads to a choice
    - Devotion to God - **1 Chronicles 28:9-10**
    - Devotion Materialism - **Luke 12:13-21**
- Principle #2: The heart must devote itself to serve one Lord

## **So What?**

- How's my vision?
- What am I treasuring?
- So how do I store up wealth for eternity?
  - We devote ourselves to our/others' growth in Christlike character
  - We devote ourselves to grow in faith, hope, and charity - **2 Peter 1:3-8**
  - We devote ourselves to evangelism and discipleship - **2 Timothy 2:1-10**